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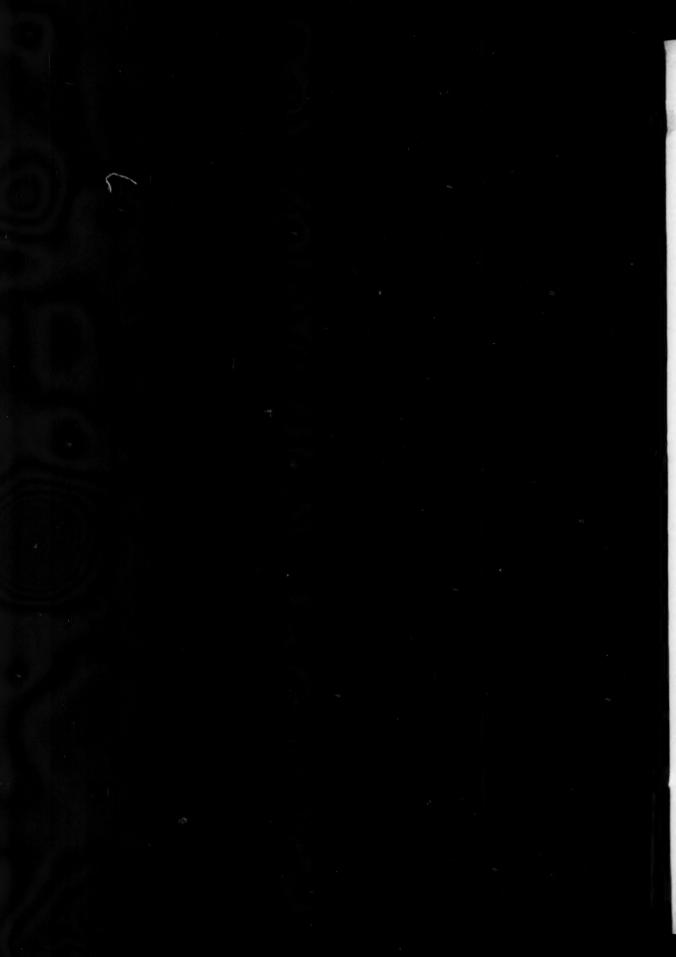
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In the likeness of His death
We were planted,
Therefore, by his Spirit's breath
Resurrection-life is granted;—
Resurrection beauty glowing,
Resurrection power outflowing,
Resurrection gladness cheering,
Resurrection glory nearing.—HAVERGAL.

EASTER speaks ever of renewal; of quickened life, hope, and joy. great gift and the great promise of the ever present Christ attract the response of great praise and thanksgiving. It is a beautiful time to prepare heart, gift, and exercises for the approaching thank-offering service. A Suggestive Program which was circulated at the woman's meetings of the Ecumenical Conference is given under "Helps for Monthly Meetings." It seems fitting that our first thank-offering service of the new century should give a glimpse of world-wide progress in missions; but the program can be adapted to individual needs. Read carefully the "notes" accompanying the two programs in this number, and see fourth page of cover. There is much reason for thankfulness over the world's work in the past century; and many causes for thanksgiving in our own field, during the past year—new missionaries, new work, new villages reached, new converts, new church members, and more Christian books sold to Hindus than in any previous year in the history of our work. The letters from the field, on another page, are both cheering and entertaining. How Mrs. Phillips and Dr. Smith make us see with their eyes, as though they were our very own! We thank God for the wonderful work of Pundita Ramabai, also as presented by "Mother Hills." . . . So much thank-offering matter has crowded out a great deal that should have appeared in this number. We hope that our friends will be patient, remembering that we cannot compass the impossible. . . . It was recently our privilege, as well as pain, to hear a returned missionary from China, who was in the terrible siege of Tientsin, relate her experiences. Then and there we consecrated a special thank-offering because our own missionaries have been spared such experiences. But marvelous evidences of love, faith, and loyalty were manifested in those awful days. The speaker said in substance, "We have often been criticized for giving so much time and money to 'rice Christians' (natives supposed to get 'converted' solely for what they could get in return from the mission); but the expression 'rice Christian' has been silenced forever by the host of martyrs who endured hunger, torture, and final death, rather than renounce Christ." She told many touching stories of native women who voluntarily exposed themselves to shot and shell in order to do something to relieve the missionaries or wounded soldiers. . . . The following item is taken from the Hillsdale Collegian: "Miss Hattie R. Phillips, at Hillsdale in the sixties, has given over twenty years' service to India's degraded children, has given much thought and labor to education, and for the past eight years has been most successful in the kindergarten work. You meet one of her pupils on the street; the polite 'salaam,' the erect position with shoulders well thrown back, and finely developed chest, indicate without mistake that they have been under her training." . . . It is a pleasure to learn that our next annual meeting will be in the Granite State. The auxiliary at Concord, N. H., has invited the Woman's Missionary Society to be its guest next October. . . . The Saco, Me., auxiliary held an exceedingly interesting meeting last month, at which Miss DeMeritte was the special guest. More than twenty-five ladies were present, several of whom joined as new members. The local workers very brightly quizzed our national treasurer, for an hour or more, on matters pertaining to the general work. We wish that every auxiliary might have a "catechism afternoon," at least once a year; it would prove stimulating and instructive. The Saco society has various departments of home and foreign work admirably conducted. . . . Those pictures offered as a premium to new subscribers of the Helper are appreciated wherever seen. They are adapted to the Sunday-school rooms as well as the home. Please call the attention of possible subscribers to them. . . . The Woman's Missionary Society of the St. John West (N. B.) church was organized by Mrs. Mary R. Phillips twenty-five years ago this month, and is about to celebrate its silver anniversary. Hearty congratulations upon its work of the past, with all best wishes for the future! . . . Pittsfield, N. H., reports "a new Cradle-Roll of fifteen lovely little ones and more promised." . . . The new auxiliary in Pittsfield, Me., begins under most favorable auspices. A member writes, "We shall take our own field for study first, and then hope to take up the mission heroes of the world." Good for the two Pittsfields! Another worker writes, "We enjoyed Miss DeMeritte at the conference very much, and only wish she were twins so she could help us all the time."



FIVE OF RAMABAI'S CHILD-WIDOWS.

PUNDITA RAMABAI.

BY MRS. M. M. H. HILLS.

A FEW weeks ago I was surprised, indeed, I may say amazed, as I read a statement in a missionary periodical, that Pundita Ramabai—the marvelous Hindu high caste widow-had gathered into her institutions to care for, over 1400 victims of the late terrible Indian famine. It did not say that they were all child widows, the especial class she had labored to save to train for teachers and missionaries. The latest estimate I had then seen, some more than a twelvemonth ago, made the number over 300. The statement referred to seemed so incredible that I was almost sure that there was a mistake in the figures, that it should have been, instead of 1400, not more than 400. And what a responsibility was even that for one woman, without any resources of her own, to assume to personally gather and transport from the famine districts to her own field, the starving ones, and then shelter, feed, clothe, teach, and train them. For my own satisfaction I wrote to India regarding the accuracy of the statement. Mrs. Dr. I. L. Phillips replied: "I am sorry that I have nothing definite to write you in regard to your query, but I am quite sure Pundita Ramabai is capable of planning and caring for 1400 children, or battalions of them. She, of course, must have a great deal of help, but she will get it."

And now, an article appears in the February issue of the Woman's Missionary Friend, which fully corroborates the truthfulness of the seemingly incredible statement. It is from the pen of Minnie F. Abrams, who has charge of Pundita Ramabai's mission work at Kedgaum, India. She says the Mukti* church of widows at that place has a membership of three hundred and fifty, and four hundred probationers who have become Christians within four months. She further states that the demand in western India for teachers, matrons, nurses, and Bible readers was so great, that during the latter half of 1899 and the first half of 1900, there came requests to the institution, from various missions, for fully one hundred Bible women, but as the women when they came were idolaters, with no education whatever, they had none trained for the work.

Early in 1899 the great need of Christian workers was set before the Mukti church and the Student Volunteer Movement explained; then a call for volunteers to prepare for Christian work was made. Seventy young women responded, and before the year closed, several were preaching in the villages near by, and several had taken up the care of little children. The demand for workers grew more and more imperative, and in 1900, when Ramabai had taken into her institution one thousand three hundred and fifty more famine-stricken girls and

^{*} Mukti means salvation.

young women, all were anxious to help. They were told that without Bible training they could not do Christian work properly, and then fifty more joined the Bible classes. These one hundred and twenty Bible students are in two classes, one in advance of the other. It is expected that another year will add at least one hundred more new students to this Bible school. The Missionary Review in speaking of this work says: "Nearly two thousand women and girls are saved by Ramabai from ruin and death, to be fed, clothed, and sheltered, to be taught how to meet evil and conquer it (alas! they know too well what evil is), to be taught how to care for their own bodies and souls, that they may know how to care for others; to be placed on a self-respecting, self supporting plane, and become object lessons to India in what Christianity, education, and honest work can do for its women, especially for its despised widows."

KINDERGARTENS IN MISSION LANDS.

BY LENA SWEET FENNER.

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In the Methodist denomination this work is quite new. Such schools exist in Italy and Mexico, and are being introduced in the far east, but these are still too young to be reported. The Presbyterian mission board supports four flourishing kindergartens in Japan. The Universalist mission work is in itself young, but it, too, has a kindergarten department in Japan. The Free Baptist denomination sustains—so far as the writer has been able to learn—the only Christian kindergarten in the vast Empire of India. So far it has been a free kindergarten. Opened in 1896, its success has been gratifying. Its present accommodations are quite outgrown, and the need of the hour is—a new kindergarten hall and training school for Balasore, India.

Some small fee is charged for kindergarten instruction. It varies in the schools named from thirteen to eighty-four cents a month. One little boy earned his term's tuition by putting felt on the legs of the kindergarten chairs. He worked steadily until he had earned \$1.50. He collected it from his teacher and immediately returned to her in triumph, declaring, "Now I can come to school right."

The methods used in these schools are the same as those used in our own country, music and pictures, games and flowers. One teacher says, "In circles and games you would recognize the tunes of our own sweet songs, for the words have been translated into our languages here." The teacher speaks freely of Jesus.

In a number of the schools the one-session plan has been changed to two sessions, that the little ones might not spend the afternoon in the street and learn

bad words. As it is not safe for the younger children to come and go alone, through the narrow streets of these far eastern cities, which have no sidewalks, and are often crowded with camels, donkeys, and carriages, it is necessary to keep a man to escort them back and forth.

The larger schools have in connection training schools for native kinder-garten teachers. The graduates of the Glory Kindergarten Training School are much sought after in mission kindergartens, and even by the government. At Smyrna, Turkey, nearly one hundred students, including several young men, have taken a kindergarten normal training course from Americans. One of the Burmese schools had a class of ten in training in 1900.

The Glory and Zenrin Kindergartens have joined the Japanese Kindergarten Association, and been the means of changing the day of meeting of the Association from Sunday, which was given up to social banqueting and mother-play, to Saturday, and having the session opened with prayer. A triumph indeed for the Christian kindergarten!

Mothers' meetings are held as a part of the work in Japan and Turkey. In Japan it takes the form of a prayer, a confidential talk about the children, or some child or mother in the Bible; in Turkey the exercises are by the children. In either case, the mothers are attracted and always go away pleased, carrying, perhaps, a gift, the work of their little ones, with which to decorate the walls of their homes, a constant reminder of the school and the teachers who have come among them for the love of Christ. No other form of missionary work seems so adapted to a close friendship with parents. A missionary writes, "So often mothers say to us, 'You don't know how much improved my little one is now that he comes to your school; so considerate of his father and mother, so polite, so happy."

In a number of instances the starting of a kindergarten has been the signal for the opening of a Sunday school. A writer says, "With the kindergarten a little Sunday school was started. Our thought was that it would be for the members of the kindergarten and their little friends. God's plan was for larger, and now it numbers about two hundred, and its pupils are from the ages of two to sixty-five." As a direct result of kindergarten work here is a happy statement from Japan: "Our kindergarten children represent fifty-four heathen families, fifty of whom have been visited by the kindergarten Bible woman. Among these are twelve inquirers, regular in attendance upon the Sunday meetings. Three of these have been baptized into the church the past year, and others are only waiting instruction before receiving baptism."

For the children the kindergarten means "peace and happiness and a wonderful fairyland opening before them. It means love instead of hate; occupation instead of idleness. It means cleanliness, thoughtfulness, politeness—outwardly; and inwardly it means the opening of many a child heart to the Saviour's love." For the parents it is a marvel, an awakening. Both intellect and conscience are aroused to a new life, and directed Christ-ward. For the work its value is proven beyond question by such statements as this: "It gives us the children to train while young, receptive, and not strongly rooted in heathenism; it opens to us homes for visitation. It is the eager little pupil returning to his home and native village of non-Christians that makes it possible for an audience to be gathered there by the missionary."

The verdict of the American Board is this, "It would be a grand thing, a wonderful blessing, could the kindergarten become an established institution in all our missions." And the secretary of the Baptist Woman's Board says, "Only good can come from this work," adding the painful and practical clause of whose import we know too truly, "if only the treasury will allow." The message from Miss Howe, the most successful of mission kindergartners is, "See to it that the kindergarten is a part of every mission work!"

Providence, R. I.

LITTLE LIGHT-BEARERS' DAY.

JUNE, month of the children, is not far distant, and we must begin early to arrange for our Rally Day. Where Cradle-Rolls already exist, do not fail to gather the little members to observe this day, and where there are none, the opportunity for a beginning in the work is unsurpassed.

Our Cradle-Roll department ought to measure large growth in the summer season, and especially in the month mentioned. But this can only be made possible by the personal interest of someone, everywhere. Is there a Roll in your church? Are the little children being enrolled and tended and loved, as Little Light-Bearers? If not, cannot you do something about it? Take this to thought and heart, dear sisters.

Now plan definitely for Cradle-Roll Day, to be some time in June. Ask everyone interested to attend, and make the terms of admission either a child for, or belonging to, the Roll, or a small fee. This latter will give you a little fund with which to increase your remittance, or to use in furthering your plans for the children.

Do not forget your mite box opening, for you remember the receipts therefrom are the dues for the year, and are needed for our little Anundini and Bijou.

Perhaps you will want the pretty star badges for the members, or the "cradles" for lunch, if you have it. You may like to present each child with our own souvenir, the picture of Ana and her home; or, if you have already had this, there are other dainty and inexpensive gifts.

Send for a price list of our supplies, if you have none. Use the helpful "suggestions" for the day which come in the outfit, or are sent singly for three cents. And then, when you have had your Little Light-Bearer's Day, send us a report of it and thereby gladden our hearts, as well as influence others to "do likewise."

ADA M. L. GEORGE, Cradle-Roll Sec.

THE CHILDREN'S MAY FESTIVAL.

THOSE charming little garnet and gold cubes—the children's thank-offering boxes—are ready for the many eager hands waiting to drop into them their gifts for the glad May offering.

The children have hitherto enclosed theirs with their parents' gifts, but it seemed due them to have boxes of their own; and especially so as in most cases they desire to have thank offering meetings, with children's exercises, by themselves, and so these boxes have been prepared for their use. On the top of the boxes we read, "Junior Light-Bearers"; on the bottom "Even a child is known by his doings"; on the front

THANK-OFFERING.

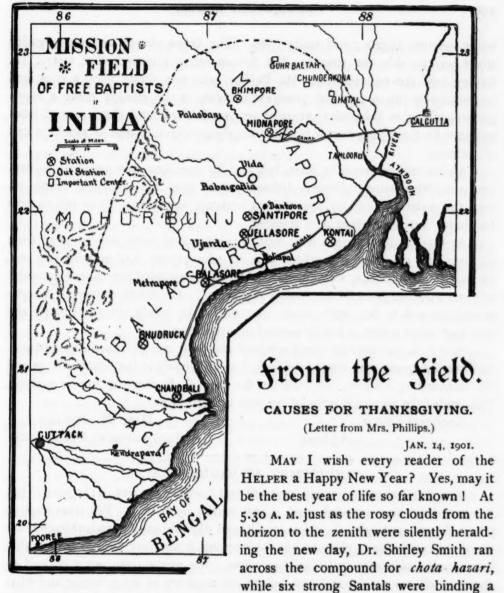
"Little hands their gifts now bring,
'Tis the children's offering.
Take it, Jesus, let it bear
Thy sweet blessing everywhere";

on the back, "For the children of India and Storer College"; and on the sides, "And a little child shall lead them," and "The F. B. Woman's Missionary Society." They are as dainty as the daintiest little one who will use them could desire.

It is hoped that the older ones having in charge the children's work will see that they are supplied with them in ample time, ordering of Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, Wells Branch, Me. There is no expense attending them except postage at five cents per dozen.

Wherever practicable it is desirable that the children's thank-offering be entirely independent of the women's, so that they may have exercises of special interest to themselves, and also have a sort of feeling of proprietorship of the function. A large variety of exercises may be obtained from the Bureau of Missionary Intelligence by applying to Mrs. Avery.

We trust that this May missionary festival may bring much joy to all who participate, and we know that it will bear a large measure to those for whom its offerings are made, as well as to the loving heart of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."



pole to a Santal cot turned upside down. It was just like the one reserved for guests. Half an hour later we were tucking her into her little bed carriage, and thanking her for her most timely service here during the week of prayer. The Lord has been very good to permit the Woman's Board to send her to us as a mission, and her presence here during one week has indeed been a blessing.

The prayers that have gone up from sincere hearts for the presence of God in our midst to soften and save us, and to ripen the harvest, whose seed was sown by faithful workers, have been heard, and last Sunday the scene by the

water was one angels could smile upon. The Oriya church and congregation stood on one side the stream. The Santals sat in groups farther away. Dr. Shirley held the umbrella over Ma Phillips, who was sitting upon a stool, and unconsciously this oldest and youngest member of the mission made a lovely picture, calling to mind sixty years of service finished, and sixty more of labor and love for the young doctor in this strangely paradoxical land of sunshine and of darkness.

As the native preacher, Ram, led, one by one, four new converts in baptism the Oriya hymn "Blessed, blessed Jesus" sung "in the spirit," rang out over the water and in our souls with a heavenly sweetness. Four others who had been church members were restored.

At the Lord's Supper a holy hush, a spirit, not of earth, led us away from all worry and care, and we realized that we who believe *had* entered into rest. At its close, Ma Phillips, with uncontrollable tears, reminded the church members of those who had gone to the "many mansions." Dr. Smith, moved by a scene touchingly new to her, with visible emotion, spoke briefly but so tenderly and with such heart power, it hardly needed interpretation.

At 2 P. M. the teachers' Sunday-school class was one of unusual earnestness. At three the young men started for their Sunday schools in the Santal village and the surrounding country, and returned for their C. E. meeting in the evening. Thus ended the second Sunday of the year in Santipore.

Santipore Station.

MARY R. PHILLIPS.

Address

Muhammadnagar, Orissa, India.

CHRISTMAS AT MIDNAPORE.

For days before you would have felt that "something was in the wind," but you would not have guessed what, if you hadn't been told. The trees were so green, the sun so bright, the doors stood open day and night; and, though there was a chill in the air at night and in the morning, it was very hard to believe that it was really midwinter and *Christmas time*. We new comers were obliged to disregard all our senses, and just believe the accuracy of the calendar and what other people said. The days and hours became more and more busy, till finally the limit was reached and the day dawned. Such a busy morning for the missionaries and the young people of the church! There were last parcels to make and label, and other "last things" to do. The little chapel must put on its holiday attire, and the tree must be planted and decorated. All through the morning, gifts from native friends, and others, were coming for the missionaries—gifts of fruit, native sweets, flowers, and a cake from an English friend.

The afternoon found everything ready. The gateway to the chapel com-

pound was a triumphal arch of banners, green branches, and flowers. Within the chapel, the walls were decorated with the graceful branches of the date palm, a flowering shrub, wreaths of beautiful leaves, and marigolds; all these most beautifully set off by the whiteness of the walls. Potted plants from the house and cut flowers lent their beauty to the place. The tables for the speakers and the presiding officer were at one side of the room; the benches for the people arranged on the other three sides of the rectangle.

I wish I could describe the scene as I entered. In front of me was Mr. Wyman at one table, presiding, and at the other, at his right, were two of the speakers. On the floor at his left were seated the members of the orchestra, and about them the children who were to do most of the singing. At my right were the women, at my left a few women and children, but beyond them were the big boys and, at the other end of the room, the men. All were dressed in their best, the women and girls in their white and bright colored saris, and the men with their best and brightest shawls about their shoulders. All the faces were bright and happy. But crowding every doorway—five of them—was another sort of people, half clothed, or less—what clothes they had were dirty, their hair uncombed—a curious, gaping crowd of men, women, and children. They were Hindus. I wish you could imagine the contrast between those within and those without.

The exercises consisted of devotional exercises, singing, and three addresses given by the head master of the English church school, one of the members of the church, and the pastor. All were babus, that is, educated natives. The orchestra was composed of five young men who played two violins, a pair of bells, or cymbals, and a long instrument a little like a mandolin, but much longer and the lower part was round instead of oval. How the children sang! just as though they really enjoyed that weird, strange music.

The addresses of the first two speakers were good, I suppose, but the children wiggled, and the women whispered a little, a few men seemed to listen, and the crowd outside the doors pushed and crowded and rearranged itself; but when the pastor spoke every one listened, not a baby cried, not a child wiggled, even the crowd outside stood still and gave attention. How I wish I could have understood, but you would have listened as I did, even though you couldn't understand a word. Mr. Wyman said it was fine, and said he wished the man could use English as he can Bengali.

The last hymn sung, we went out under the mangoes in the compound, where the Christmas tree was bearing its bright fruit. It looked to me more like a young, bearing, apple tree than anything else I can think of, if one thinks of one with a very short trunk. Most of the gifts were those for the school children, and were in red print bags; others were in packages, and some gifts of fruit and vegetables were not wrapped. A large space about the tree was kept clear by a rope stretched about it. The eager throng stood outside, and within were seated a few missionaries and native ladies. Some of the missionaries and some young men took the presents from the tree to the ones for whom they were intended. Scarcely a parcel was opened there; a good evidence, it seemed to me, of a curiosity under control.

The Christmas spirit seems to be the same on both sides of the world—among those that know of Christ How glad we would have been if happiness was all we had seen, but outside, hovering about, were the beggars and the poor lepers. They may not know of Christ, but they know that Christmas means giving—and so they come in greater numbers than ever there—to both missionaries and native Christians. They were coming and going all day.

We missionaries were all invited to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wyman, but before I could go I had to go to see a sick child. It was the first time that I had entered a native house. I must not tell you about that, but I found that a mother's yearning over her sick child is the same everywhere.

The dinner put the finishing touch on a happy day. It was the first Christmas in India for four of us, but I think we were all glad we had come. The first course was admiring the contents of various mysterious packages at each plate—not one was forgotten. The dinner itself was bountiful and good. (I haven't starved yet, in spite of the anxiety of some friends lest I should not have enough to eat in India.) Table and house were decorated with British and American flags. After the meal, we visited, told stories, sang "America," and then went home, tired but happy.

Shirley H. Smith.

TREASURER'S NOTES.

NEW auxiliaries: East Killingly, Conn.; Gardiner and Dexter, Me.

The individual contributions, during the quarter ending Feb. 28, have been generous and very helpful; some States have gained in receipts and others fallen off. Best of all, our needs have been supplied. A long-time friend of the society has contributed a bank-book worth \$125, and accrued interest, which he wants used in part this year and in part later on. He says, "Before that is used up I shall probably be gone over the river," and then he plans for "more to follow." He is sick and yet cheerful, a cheerfulness that always comes with the trust that can say, "I am in the hands of the dear Lord, and it is, and will be, all right." Another letter contained \$25 from a lady in Vermont, who says, "I am almost 70; my means are small, and I have been criticized for sending away money, because it was needed here." But she loves humanity, and to such there are no

boundary lines, for the whole universe belongs to God, and all need the message of his love. Another \$25 comes from Minnesota, another from New Hampshire, another from Maine, and these, with the tens and fives and ones, stand for far more than a mere money consideration. For, when I think of the larger drafts to be made on our liberality in the future because of the increasing demands of the work, it is a stimulus to faith to know that God moves on the hearts of individuals to give liberally to the work, and can increase the number according to need. Only our faith must be in Him, and not in one another. A lady of Indiana writes that they have a W. M. S., and want to do special work. I hope they will be able to support a native teacher, for such responsibility increases local interest.

The "spare time" in the month of February was spent in travel in the interests of the society. The first Wednesday I attended the York Co. Conference. It was at the close of a very heavy storm, and the inland towns in Maine were shut in from the outer world, so the attendance was small. But the missionary fire burned warmly in the heart of the president, Miss Nellie Jordan. She called the few women together for a business meeting. I want to say, right here, that I wish women would take more time for business in the conference, quarterly meeting, yearly meeting, and association gatherings. Don't let smallness of numbers frighten anyone. Public meetings are good and may stir up a little enthusiasm, but the work is best advanced by the plans set in motion in a good business meeting. At this and other meetings of the kind which I have attended this winter, organizing the "Call to Prayer," the MISSIONARY HELPER and the May thank-offering received special attention. Let me suggest that business meetings will be much more enjoyable where all the members familiarize themselves with a few, simple parliamentary rules. The next Wednesday I visited the Bowdoin Conference at Augusta, Me. How bitterly cold it was! But the president, Miss Clara Purinton, the recording secretary, Mrs. M. I. Davis, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jennie Smith, were all present, and I received a warm welcome. The business of the society was carefully attended to, and the conference as a whole was very interesting. The report of the committee on resolutions awakened much enthusiasm. I hope all will read the resolutions in full when they appear in the Morning Star and Free Baptist, as they are practical in their bearing upon Christian living, and missionary and Sundayschool work. The one that bears especially upon the work of missions I quote: "That every church in this conference be requested to hold at least one public meeting every four months, in which the world-wide extension of the Gospel shall be interestingly discussed, and that it is for the self-interest of every church, however weak, to sustain the work of Christ in India, for the Master himself has said, 'He that would save his life shall lose it, but he that would lose his life for my sake shall find it'; and that it is a great value to sustain a woman's missionary society in every church."

Through the kindness of Mrs. Smith, whose husband is treasurer of the State of Maine, I had a very pleasant visit to the State House, peeping into every room, including the lobby! I wonder if women will have a lobby when they can vote! The following Friday I went to Gardiner, and met about a dozen women with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Robbins, his wife being away from home. They were mostly young women, interested in organizing a W. M. S., which was heartily seconded by the pastor. Before the meeting closed the organization was perfected. I believe the earnest-spirited women who officer the society will be blessed of God in their work. On Saturday I visited Pittsfield, on invitation of the new auxiliary, in which the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. F. D. George, are much interested. Sabbath morning was devoted to missions, and the evening to a "Willard Memorial" service; in both I was glad to have a part. Later I met the auxiliary; it is a very strong one, and has a good sized membership of women intelligently interested in missionary work. I feel very sure it will be a leavening influence in the church, and in the Maine Central Institute, which is located in Pittsfield. By the way, some of the teachers in the institution are planning a missionary study class for the students. I hope it will soon be reported in the MISSIONARY HELPER. A very pleasant feature of this trip was a reception tendered by this auxiliary, which was a beautiful tribute to missionary work. The lecture room was daintily fitted up, the officers received, fine music was provided, and a choice, short missionary program was carried out. Old and young alike seemed to enjoy the evening. The program included a poem written for the occasion by Mrs. Mary B. Wingate. I meditated as I enjoyed. My meditation put into speech sounds something like this: Such gatherings as these make missionary work attractive, and tend to humanize it.

From Pittsfield I went to Dexter, where I found big snow drifts, and kind hearts! And they were willing to entertain the possibility of a W. M. S., seconded by the sympathy of the pastor and his wife, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Piper. We discussed and planned in Mrs. Bidge's parlors, and finally accepted the constitution and elected officers. All agreed we had a good time organizing, which included a little parliamentary law. Lastly, I went to Waterville to the Waterville Conference. Here is the newest prospect in Maine for a F. B. church. Already there is a W. M. S.—a good beginning. The program for the public meeting was very fine. It included an excellent paper by the local president, Mrs. Butler; one on the Cradle Roll by our wide awake secretary, Mrs. George; and a sermon by Rev. Miss Andrews. If every minister could or would

preach such a sermon as that yearly, I do not believe many churches would be wanting in missionary interest. I had a good time during the entire trip. I was entertained in pleasant homes; met some fresh missionary breezes; and am ready in spirit to organize some more missionary societies. Mrs. E. J. Briggs of Woonsocket, R. I., has also organized one recently in East Killingly, Conn., with about twenty members. I think the leaflet "How to Organize" can familiarize any bright woman with the way to make a society, even though she is no more acquainted with rules than to know how to state and put motions, which can be learned from Roberts's "Rules of Order," or from Mrs. Shattuck's "Woman's Manual." Try it.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treas.

Ocean Park, Me.

(All money orders should be made payable at Dover, N. H.)

PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

Do Helper agents, and others who are securing subscribers for our magazine, realize the desirability of adding to our list each year the names of many young women? We frequently receive renewals from readers who are past eighty years of age, expressing great interest in reading the Helper, and thus keeping in touch with our missionary work. We are glad to know that our older readers continue to find just what they want, yet we are impressed with the necessity of putting the Helper into the homes of the younger women of our churches.

Recently, one agent passed in the subscription of two young married ladies who have not been especially interested in missionary work, but we hope the reading of the magazine, month by month, will arouse their interest.

Do not hesitate to ask people to subscribe. Your publishing agent became a subscriber to the first issue simply because a friend asked her to help on the enterprise to the amount of fifty cents, and she has never as yet seen a chance to discontinue. Young women in their homes need the Helper in educating their children as much as the Helper needs them.

We hope to receive a large number of new subscriptions during the next three months. We can supply back numbers beginning with January, if desired. Be careful to state with which month you wish the subscription to commence.

ELLA H. ANDREWS, Publishing Agent.

Providence, R. I.

ISABELLA BIRD BISHOP, the renowned world-traveler, has this to say on the subject under discussion: "Of all the agencies now in use in heathen countries, the work of the medical missionary appears to me as the most efficient in bringing those people, who are sitting in the shadow of death, to know that the 'Day Spring from on high' has visited them."

Helps for Monthly Meetings.

TOPICS FOR 1901.

January-Consecration and Review.
February-Prayer and Praise.
March-Christian Missions in the 19th Century:

1. Awakeping and Beginnings.

April—
2. The Century in India.
May-Thank-Offering.
June—
3. The Century in China.
July—
4. The Century in Japan.
August-Outing.
September—
5. The Century in Africa.
October-Roll-call and Membership Meeting.
November—"Missionary Helper" Rally.
December—
6. Opportunities and Coming Conflict of the 20th Century.

MAY.—THANK-OFFERING SERVICE.

I.-WORLD-WIDE PROGRESS OF MISSIONS.

KEY-NOTE. - Phil. 2: 9-11.

Suggestive Program

Song of praise.

Invocation.

Responsive reading. The World for Christ.

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE?

Leader. Thus saith the Lord, it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come, and see my glory. Isa. 66: 18.

Response. From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same my name shall be great; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. 1:11.

- L. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. Ps. 22: 27.
- R. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name. Ps. 86: 9.
- L. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Hab. 2: 14.

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- R. His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun, and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed. Ps. 72: 17.
- L. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Ps. 72: 8.
- R. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Rom. 14:11.
- L. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. Ps. 72:11.

R. Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God. Ps. 68: 31.

L. The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Isa. 60: 5.

R. All they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord. Isa. 60: 6.

L. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. Luke 13: 29.

R. And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come. Matt. 24: 14.

All. And blessed be his glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory, Amen, and Amen. Ps. 72: 19.

Song of praise.

Reasons for being thankful. (1) Missionary expansion in the nineteenth century. (Give "Facts in Contrast" here.) (2) Progress in India, Africa, China, Japan, Islands. (Five-minute papers or talks.) (3) Growth of missionary spirit in Christian lands.

Prayer of thanksgiving. For the enlargement of Christ's kingdom, and for the promise of its ultimate triumph.

Helps.—"A Hundred Years of Missions," by Rev. D. D. Leonard. "Miracles of Missions," by Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D. "Christian Missions and Social Progress," by Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D. Reports of Students Volunteer Movement.

Growth of Foreign Missions: Facts in Contrast.

1800—The foreign missionary societies numbered seven.

1900—They number over five hundred.

1800—The income of the seven societies amounted to about fifty thousand dollars.

1900-The income is over fifteen million dollars.

1800—The number of native communicants enrolled in Protestant mission churches was seven thousand.

1900—There are now one million five hundred thousand native communicants.

1800—The adherents of Protestant churches in heathen lands were estimated at fifteen thousand.

1900-They number three million five hundred thousand.

1800-Not one unmarried woman missionary in all heathen lands.

1900-There are at least two thousand five hundred and seventy-five.

1800-Medical missions were unknown.

1900—There are more than five hundred medical missionaries, one-fourth of this number being women.

1800—There were no patients treated by Christian physicians.

1900—There are over two hundred thousand patients under treatment in hospitals and dispensaries, established by foreign missionary societies.

1800—Only one fifth of the human family had the Bible in languages they could read.

1900—Nine-tenths of the people of the world have the Word of God in languages and dialects known to them.

(By adding to the above facts, the number of Christian schools, seminaries, colleges, and Universities in foreign lands, and considering the mighty influence of the printing press, one may gain some idea of the wonderful progress of foreign missions during the nineteenth century.)

II.—OFFERINGS OF THANKSGIVING.

KEY-NOTE,-Ps, 116: 12.

Song of thanksgiving.

Responsive reading (invitation and response):-

Leader. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. Ps. 95: 2.

Response. We will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. Ps. 116: 17.

L. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Ps. 34:3.

R. We will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. Ps. 69: 30.

L. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. Ps. 30: 4.

R. I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Ps. 27:6.

L. O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Ps. 105: 1.

R. We thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks forever; we will show forth thy praises to all generations. Ps. 79: 13.

All. Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the saviour of his knowledge by us in every place. 2 Cor. 2: 14.

MY THANK-OFFERING.

Lord, here is my hand,
With its vigor and skill,
Or even its weakness,
It this be thy will,
Outstretched for humanity
Tender and true,
Lord, here is my hand
For the good it may do.

Lord, here is my mind
With its power of thought,
With its treasures of knowledge
The years may have brought.
To think and remember
And purpose for thee,
Lord, here is my mind
For the use it may be.

Lord, here is my heart
With its God-given store
Of faith, hope, and charity,—
Would it were more!
For grief it may soften
For pain it may share,
Lord, here is my heart
For the love it may bear.

So little and poor
Is the best I can bring
To aid in thy service,
My Saviour and King.
But, lo, with thy gift
As I gratefully stand,
Transfigured is all
By the touch of thy hand.

-Selected.

Prayers of thanksgiving. (1) That we are made co-workers with Christ in the salvation of the world. (2) For the privilege of serving the Lord with our prayers, our time, our talents, and our gifts.

Responsive reading (offerings):-

L. What command is given concerning offerings?

R. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come into his courts. Ps. 96: 8.

L How should God's people come into the presence of the Lord?

R. They shall not appear before the Lord empty: every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee. Deut. 16: 16, 17.

L. Now, come near, and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of the Lord. 2 Chron. 29: 31.

All. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5: 20.

Song of gratitude. (To be sung while offerings are being given.)

Consecration prayer.

Testimony.

Gift worship: Its influence on The Individual, The Family, The Congregation, Missions. (Three minutes each.)

Announcement of thank-offerings.

Doxology.

Mizpah.

NOTE.—The use of thank offering boxes, for daily or weekly offerings, is especially urged, as they prove to be excellent reminders in the home, of our indebtedness to Him who "daily loadeth us with benefits."

EDITOR'S NOTE.—If the books of reference mentioned are not available, leaflets on work in the several countries can be obtained of Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, Wells Branch, Me. In churches where it is desirable to have the children's thank-offering service in connection with the service of the auxiliary, the program committee might omit some of the papers and talks, and substitute exercises by the children.

MRS. NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB, Ocean Park, Me. MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER, Allegheny, Pa.

Per order of Ecumenical Conference Committee on Systematic Study of Missions.

The Missionary Helper Branch of the

International Sunshine Society.

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on.

Twas not given for you alone—

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years, Let it wipe another's tears, Till in heaven the deed appears, Pass it on.

ALL letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page, or Sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 232 Keap St., Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

The sunshine that we sent to our missionaries in India is being reflected back to us in sunny letters. Miss L. C. Coombs intends to write to each one, as she opens her packages of good cheer each month, thanking the givers for the "real sunshine they have sent." A letter received from Miss J. J. Scott has these sweet words, "I am sure the friends at home have the full assurance in their inmost hearts that it is more blessed to give then to receive." Mrs. E. J. Hamlen sends thanks for enrolment and society pin, and writes, "I know I shall get much happiness out of the many nice things which came in my sunshine bag." As members of the I. S. S. we are fast finding out that India is not so far away, as the world is small after all, for the sunshine of God's love brings us all near together. How important, then, that we work while the day lasts, for the night soon cometh when no man can work.

SUNSHINE RESPONSES.

Mrs. I. C. Lombard, Mrs. J. E. Boucher, Mrs. R. A. Rowell will forward reading to the Bib'e school at Cairo, Ill., as suggested in February Helper. Mrs. H. F. Hulse of Brooklyn, N. Y., has given a book that is being greatly enjoyed, as it is passed on among the members. Mrs. Harriet Jenkins, who is always doing something to help in the I. S. S. work, has again given twenty-five cens to spread sunshine. The following members have kindly offered to pass on their Helpers: Mrs. M. White, Mrs. R. A. Rowell, Mrs. Lovantia Dodge, Miss Ida.H. Fullonton, Miss E. J. Small, and Miss Mae Yetman.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. Earl G. Sanley of East Baldwin, Me.; Miss Nora B. Cushing of Providence, R. I.; Mrs. G. F. Dodge of Ashland, N. H.; Miss E. J. Small of South Windham, Me., have paid their initiation dues by many kind acts, and are enrolled as members of the Helper Branch. Miss Ruby E. Moulton has sent money and asked that Mrs. Maud M. Varney, 110 Perkins St., East Somerville, Mass., be enrolled as a member of the I. S. S. It will give Mrs. Varney great pleasure to receive cheery letters. Mrs. Sarah Gordon, 80 years old, and Mrs. R. A. Rowell, 74 years old, both of Whitefield, N. H., ought to have many words of love and good cheer from the members of our branch.

WORKERS' NOTES.

How I wish all could just get a peep at a letter received from a dear sister, Mrs. Lombard of Steep Falls, Me., that tells of a life full of sunshine. She writes, "I hope this Sunshine Society will spread to the ends of the earth, for it has opened to me many dark places that I never dreamed of before, and now I have a loving heart and willing hands." Mrs. B. F. Walton, a willing worker, is doing much to brighten the lives of our invalid members. A letter written, with great difficulty, by our patient sufferer, Mrs. Augusta Fleisher, tells of the happiness she has received from the Sunshine Society, and she wishes to thank all through this page, as she cannot respond to the many sweet and loving messages that have come to her from I. S. S. members. She wishes especially to thank Mrs. F. L. Strout, Mrs. W. A. Morrill, and Miss Minnie Walton.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS.

May is a red letter month in the life of Mrs. Jennie E. Boucher (address 172½ Fall St., Seneca Falls, N. Y.,) as May I is her wedding anniversary and May 12 her birthday. All may not know that our sister is a shut-in suffering great pain much of the time, yet a grand sunshine worker.

Practical Christian Living.

Practical Christian living is "to condense and crystallize into the uses of daily life the teachings of Christ."

THE STILL HOUR.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

How helpful to the soul which must needs go to the office, the store, the shop, the mill, the factory, or the ceaseless rounds of family and household cares, to begin the day, as nearly as may be, by spending a season with God and the Bible. Feed on God's Word. The Psalmist "esteemed the words of his mouth more than his necessary food." They were "sweeter to him than honey and the honeycomb." Then with praise and thanksgiving in the heart let the soul open itself in communion with God until filled with his fullness. God's strength will then be our strength for the duties, or the trials of the day.

The soul needs to be often alone in communion with God. Worldly environments pull downward, but the soul in its out breathings and up breathings to God is lifted upwards in its breathing prayers. And even amid the noise, confusion, and business of every-day life one needs to take constant refuge in the Invisible, and to feel, not that in some vague sense the omniscient eye is upon us, but in a real sense that God our loving Father, who loves us with an everlasting love, is with us to hold us and help us onward and upward. How blessed, sustaining, and uplifting is such a consciousness of the divine presence—an assurance that underneath us are the Everlasting Arms. . . .

Theories and definitions of electricity would never light the house or move the trolley car. But let in the current and the house is lighted and the car moves. The effectiveness and utility depend on the current—the invisible power received. Oh, let us be careful that the proper connections are made and maintained between our souls and God, so the current of the divine life may flow in and be the well-spring and motive power of our life. We will not then have to worry and labor to keep our religion, our religion will keep us. "The joy the Lord will then become our strength." Religious service will not then be cross and a burden, but a delight. We will not then regard either ourselves r our property as our own, but as the Lord's. We can then sing:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, Over mountain, or plain, or sea; I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord, I'll be what you want me to me."

-The Christian Missionary.

A THANK-OFFERING WEEK.

"I CAME in to tell you about the missionary meeting, Mrs. Dolliver. I knew you'd be disappointed not to be there, especially as it was the thank-offering service that we've been lotting on all the month."

Aunt Hitty's cheery face was radiant with good-will and satisfaction as she settled herself comfortably and pulled her knitting from her black silk bag.

"So good of you to come over," said Mrs. Dolliver, a little disturbed by the consciousness that she had quite forgotten the meeting until the very hour, when it was too late to dispose of another engagement. "I hope the offering was as large as usual, though really, after all that has happened, I don't know as we could blame people"—

"It was a pretty fair amount, though I'm always hoping the Lord will move somebody to do a real big, generous thing; but I don't s'pose 'twas the money Mrs. Carew was thinking of when she planned for a thank-offering week, so much as getting us to think about our blessings, till our hearts just had to run over in thanks. She said, you know, if we took the month in a general way we should think there was plenty of time, and so keep putting it off; but if we had just the one week before the meeting, and a special thing to think about and pray about every day, we should surely get a blessing ourselves, and I know I did."

"Was there a pretty good attendance? I suppose, of course, there was at Mrs. Ellison's."

"Most all the members were there, and Susan Adams led the opening exercises. She had great liberty in prayer, and somehow it 'peared from the very first as if our hearts were all aglow. For my part I wanted to shout; you know I was brought up Methodist, and just seemed to me as if somebody ought to say, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.'"

Aunt Hitty's voice was still quivering with deep feeling, and there was a little silence which Mrs. Dolliver felt it would be a desecration to interrupt.

"Well, you know we were to choose each day some one blessing to think about and pray about and give an offering for, and Mrs. Carew asked if some of us wouldn't tell our experience, and how the plan had worked. A good many told. After we once got started it seemed 'most everybody was ready to tell, and the money didn't seem half so important as the blessing the Lord had sent us. We put the money all together in a Japanese bowl, so nobody knew who had given much and who had given little, but we saved our texts to talk about."

"Tell me some of them-some of yours, Aunt Hitty."

"Well, you know there was the slip Mrs. Carew sent to all the members?"
Aunt Hitty looked inquiringly at Mrs. Dolliver, who was evidently embarrassed, and said in an apologetic fashion,—

"I'm afraid, we get so many circulars and appeals of one kird and another, that sometimes I hardly look at them. I'm afraid that must have gone into the waste basket."

"O that was too bad; Ned Latham did them all on his typewriter, real nice print. At the top was 'Thank-Offering Week'; then the text, 'What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?' and then the days of the week like a calendar, with a space under each one for a text. She asked us to pin them up somewhere, and think each day about some special blessing, and at night write in a text and lay aside an offering. I put mine up over the kitchen table. I knew that was the sightliest place for me, and I thought it might be wholesome to think about when I was at work; keep me from thinking about my lame knee and the rheumatism in my hands.

"First day I was making crab apple jell, and Dan'l was reading the news from China about that wicked old Empress and her cruel savages, and the poor native Christians being killed off by thousands, and the brave missionaries risking their own lives to protect them; and I said, 'Thank the Lord I don't live in China.' I got right up and wrote in the text, 'The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage; ' and all day long I kept thinking what a wonderful heritage it was that I'd been born to, and what a sight of things I had to be thankful for. Why, there was my two feet to go about on the way the Lord made 'em, and the Bible and Dan'l, and the newspaper, and the distric' school, and a language that a body can speak and read. And just think of having to believe in dragons and witches and all sorts of charms, and taking toads and spiders for medicine, and having your head chopped off if you didn't please the Empress. Well, it seemed to me there was no end of things to give thanks for just from being born in this country, and I put in my offering with thanks clear to the bottom of my heart, and Dan'l put some change in too. He don't altogether stand by govern'ment, but he said he reckoned a few years of the Empress and those Yamens of hers would make a man appreciate his mercies.

"Next day Dan'l read at prayers, 'Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God.' I thought I'd give thanks that day for spiritual blessings, and I took that first verse, though the epistle is so full of love it's hard choosing. And the more I thought about it the more wonderful it seemed that when all heathen nations are taught that their gods are full of hatred and anger, and can hardly be kept from doing them mischief, we are sure that our God is full of love, and watches to bless and comfort us. And when I thought of the strength and light and joy and peace of his presence and the comfort of leaving things to his care, and remembered the pains he had taken to have us understand his love by sending Jesus Christ into

the world, I thought I knew how Paul felt when he prayed that the Ephesians might 'know the love of Christ that passeth knowledge.' It's no wonder that folks that had just come out of heathenism couldn't understand 'what manner of love' that was.

"I don't know as I ever really thought before about its being a blessing to have a chance to send the Gospel to heathen lands. Of course I held it for a duty, but a duty doesn't always 'pear to be a privilege, and sometimes I've most wished I could get away from it. But my heart went out so to the folks that never heard of the Comforter and the 'Lover of my soul,' that I just longed to go and tell 'em myself. But you see I'd got so stirred a-Monday and Tuesday that I'd put in all my egg money. It's a kind of off time with the hens now, and didn't seem to be any way of making 'em feel the responsibility, and then, all of a sudden, I thought of my bunnit. Althea persuaded me into buying a new one a spell back, but I never got round to having it trimmed; my old one is plenty good, and Dan'l wouldn't take notice if I wore the same bunnit for forty years. So I took it back to Althea, and she was real pleasant about taking it, and said it would save her ordering one for Mis' Bijah Reynolds. That give me quite a lift, but when it come to giving thanks for my father and mother, and for Dan'l, and for not being held less account than a cow, and not having to kill my little baby girls, if I'd ever had any, I felt I'd got to have some more money. That was the day I'd planned to do up my pickled peaches, and I was standing by the table reading over the receipt, and thinking I'd have to go over to the store for some more sugar and some stick cinnamon, when I just glanced up at the card and read, 'What shall I render?' It come to me quick as a flash that we didn't need them pickled peaches a mite. It's an awful rich rule, and they never do agree with Dan'l, though he's a great hand for 'em; men folks always do seem to hanker after unwholesome victuals. Well, them peaches didn't get pickled. We e't 'em the way they grew, and I put the money for preserving into my box. I calculated close as I could, and put in ten cents more, to be sure I wasn't holding back part of the price, like Ananias and Sapphira.

"I'm making a pretty long story of it, Mrs. Dolliver, but it's been such a blessed week I feel like keeping right on all the rest of my life. I know there d be things enough for every day of it, and we're going to need money pretty bad to feed starving folks in India, and take care of all those poor homeless Chinese girls."

Mrs. Dolliver looked at the compassionate old face, with tears trembling in the kind blue eyes, and her heart condemned her for her careless forgetfulness. She took a folded bill from her work-basket and slipped it into an envelope.

"There," she said, "that was for lace and ribbons for the baby's coat, and

it is pretty enough without. I'll give my thank-offering because where I forgot my Master he didn't forget me, but sent me a messenger. What text would you put on, Aunt Hitty?"

Aunt Hitty hesitated a minute. "There's one in the 'love chapter,' 'Not that we loved God, but that he loved us,' that always seemed to me a wonderful word."

Mrs. Dolliver wrote her text and sent her offering, and Aunt Hitty went home smiling happily to herself. But as she went about her work singing

"When all thy mercies, O my God, My rising soul surveys,"

she glanced at the card she had pinned again in its place on the wall, and shook her head, saying:

"Lace and ribbons, and new bunnits, and pickled peaches! The Lord help us to give something precious and costly as he did, not just foolish trifles that we are better off without."—Mrs. Emily Huntington Miller, in Life and Light.

A BEAUTIFUL THANK-OFFERING.

A TOUCHING anecdote was related some time since of a poor servant girl in London, who had attended the ragged schools and received spiritual as well as mental benefit from them, and who, one evening at the close of school, put into the minister's hand, much to his surprise, a note containing a half sovereign (ten shillings English currency). Her entire wages were only eight pounds a year. She offered this as a thanksgiving tribute to God for the blessing she had received from the schools, very modestly and beautifully remarking that it was not much. "But, sir," said she, "I have wrapped it up with an earnest prayer and many tears."—Exchange.

IMPROVE YOURSELF.

If people only knew the value of time! A half hour each day steadily given to the vanquishing of some real books in history, science, literature, is three hours a week, is more than twelve hours a month, is more than twelve solid days, of twenty-four hours each, a year. What cannot the busiest person accomplish by such seizure of the fragments of time! Oh, if the young people only knew the culture possible for them by such simple means! And it is always the man who knows who gets to be the man who does, and to whom the chance for doing comes. Merely frittering away one's leisure—a lifetime devoted only to that, how pitiably sad! No ship drifts into harbor. No young person drifts into an achieving manhood or womanhood. Take time for improving yourself!—Word and Work.

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MAINE.—The W. M. S. of the Waterville Conference held its meeting in the F. B. hall, Waterville, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 20. Meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. A. Bickford. Opened by singing, followed by reading of Scriptures by president. Paper by Mrs. Ella A. Butler, Watervilla, "Does it Pay to Work for Missions?" Cradle-Roll, Mrs. Ada L. George, Pittsfield; singing; offering; mission sermon by Mabel Andrews, Cobb Divinity School. Miss Andrews gave us a most excellent sermon. She was followed by Miss DeMeritte, who spoke in her usual forceful and interesting manner. We considered ourselves fortunate in having Miss DeMeritte with us at this time. Closed by singing "To the work, to the work." Thus ended what was remarked by many to be the best program we have ever had in our W. M. S. in this conference.

Lewiston.—There was a good attendance at the regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Main Street Free Baptist church at the home of Mrs. A. D. Chapman of Lewiston, Monday evening. Mrs. A. T. Salley presided, and after the opening exercises, the evening was devoted to hearing the report of the Bowdoin Conference, recently held at Augusta, given ably by the hostess and Mrs Wallace. Mrs. B. F. Hayes also read a letter from Miss Lavina Coombs, who is a missionary in the Free Baptist field in India. Extracts also were given from a letter from Mrs. Phillips, who is a missionary in the same field.

MICHIGAN.—We have an auxiliary at the West Cannon F. B. church of ten members. We have sent a quilt and pair of sheets and pillow-cases to Manning Bible School at Cairo. The secretary is Miss Ethel Cramer, Chauncey, Mich. The society in the past year sent twelve dollars for famine sufferers in India, beside the collections and dues of members.

MRS. CASSIE REXFORD.

WE heartily agree with Mr. Hall Caine that one of the noblest and most encouraging features of the century now closing is the new position given to woman. At the beginning of this century she was the absolute and abject slave of her husband. She had no power over her property or even over her own body; she was alternately a slave and a plaything. All this is now past; and with the legal emancipation of woman has come the gracious legal recognition of the natural rights of children.—Indian Witness.

[&]quot;THERE are more resurrection days than the world dreams of—Easters which are not less real because the church bells do not ring—which, though chanted by no earthly choir, cause joy in the presence of the angels of God."

AMONG OUR BOOKS.

China in Outline. By Rev. J. T. Gracey, D. D. (177 Pearl Street, Rochester, N. Y.) Paper, 15 cents.

This booklet of sixty four pages gives much, in little space, of the story of China "yesterday and to-day," with the outlook for "to-morrow." Maps, chart, and tables assist the reader in obtaining a general idea of the vast territory and present conditions of this field so full of sad interest. It will be an excellent aid to the auxiliaries in the study of "Christian Missions in the 19th Century." We wish that such a practical and inexpensive help might be forthcoming for each one of the fields to be surveyed in 1901.

Instruction for Chinese Women and Girls. By Lady Tsao. Translated from the Chinese by Mrs. S. L. Baldwin. Price, 75 cents. Eaton & Mains, Publishers, New York.

This quaint red volume—which is in fact a Chinese book of etiquette for women and girls, written over eighteen hundred years ago by a celebrated literary woman of the Han dynasty—calls attention to the fact that a remarkable civilization has existed in China for hundreds of years, in strange contrast with its squalor, poverty, and heathenism. While the "Instruction" emphasizes the subjection of women and, indirectly, ancestor worship, some of its advice might well be followed by girls of to day. It serves to give a clear idea of many curious Chinese customs; for, in spite of the assertion that it is the first book of etiquette ever published, it is still the standard, and is universally prized as a book of instruction for women and girls in China. The illustrations and cover design are by a Chinese artist. The color and ornamentation have significance, from a Chinese point of view. In the study of that great and mysterious country, so full of contradictions, this little book will shed light upon the Chinese ideal of womanhood.

A LADY missionary, just arrived in China, says: "I have found that it is rather a less simple thing to say, 'I will trust in the covert of Thy wings,' when quite alone among Chinese people and places, than when one is chanting it to soft measures in the safe and hallowed quiet of the home chapel. But I have also found that it can be said here."

A WRITER in the *Missionary Record* holds that every Christian ought to endeavor to give for foreign missions at least as much as he gives for church purposes at home; and that every Christian church ought to aim at a similar idea, and only think it has discharged the minimum of its obligation to Christ and the world when it has given for the heathen as much as it spends on itself.



"When every fittle hand Shall sow the Gospel seed, And every fittle heart Shall pray for those in need, "When every little life Such fair, bright record shows, Then shall the desert bud And blossom tike the rose." ir

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THANK-OFFERING PROGRAM FOR JUNIORS.

FOR A WEEK DAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING.

- 1. Singing (two or three songs).
- 2. Scripture lesson or responsive reading.
- 3. Prayer, by pastor.
- 4. Singing.
- 5. Recitation.
- 6. Recitation, "The Mite Box."
- 7. Singing by the children, or solo.
- 8. Dialog by tiny little ones.
- 9. Recitation.
- 10. Reading.
- 11. Singing, quartet, or solo and chorus.
- 12. Dialog, "Cradle Songs of the Nations."
- 13. A little Hindu widow.*
- 14. Opening of the mite-boxes, and collection.
- 15. Prayer, on the offering.
- 16. Adjournment.

Refreshments of cake and cocoa.

How to prepare for the junior thank-offering:

Send to Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, Wells Branch, Me., for Bureau supplies, She has eleven different responsive readings, none more than 2 cts. each. Twenty-five songs and musical exercises, from 2 to 25 cts. each. Thirty-two costumed exercises or dialogs, from 1 to 25 cts. each. Forty poems, 1 ct. each, and more than one hundred and forty selected readings, prices from 1 to 15 cts. each. Many of these are historical, others describe child life and curious customs in China, Japan, India, Africa, the Islands, and many other instructive and interest-

^{*} A tiny girl dressed in a coarse, white, widows' cloth (4 yards long, 30 inches wide) comes on the platform, while an older person describes what her condition and life would be if she were really a Hindu widow.

ing subjects, and from these may be culled "papers" for all missionary occasions. Write Mrs. Avery, inclosing a few stamps, and tell her what you want, and she will select for you. There is an abundance for both Sunday and weekday programs. State which you wish.

C. A. R.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—With a very few changes and adaptations, the foregoing "Program" could be used for a Sunday evening service, if desired. The Thank-Offering Responsive Service for Juniors, and the "Mission Offering Hymn," in the junior department of the April, 1900, Helper, are so good that they ought to be used again. The poem, "My Thank Offering," in this number, and the re-ponsive reading, "Invitation and Response," are as good for juniors as for children of a larger growth.

A CHARITABLE CAT.

Spotto-cat sat in the window washing his face; he had eaten his dinner of milk and beef, and now was scrubbing himself before taking an afternoon nap. A little grey cat came running up the path outside the window, and stopped to look up at the happy pussy in the warm room. The cold wind rumpled her fur, and she was very hungry. Spotto-cat had played with her about the barn several times during the last few days, and his mistress had carried out milk to her every day, but had not allowed her to come into the house.

Spotto-cat looked down from his sunny seat at the stray pussy out in the cold, then jumped down and teased to be let out. A few minutes later his mistress heard him crying to come in again.

"You uneasy little beast!" she said, holding the door open just wide enough to give him a passage. "You don't know what you do want. Hurry!" But he stopped deliberately in the crack keeping the door open, and a little grey cat jumped over him and walked into the room ahead of him. The lady had not the heart to turn out the intruder who had been helped in so cleverly, and now two pussies often sit together in the window, Spotto cat and Tramp.—
Selected.

"DO YOU SUPPOSE?"

"Do you suppose," said Johnny, as his little cousin laid away her largest, rosiest apple for a sick girl, "that God cares about such little things as we do? He is too busy taking care of the big folks to notice us much."

Winnie pointed to mamma, who had just lifted baby from his crib. "Do you think mamma is so busy with the big folks that she forgets the little ones? She thinks of baby first, 'cause he's the littlest. Surely God knows how to love as well as mother."

God's Word tells that even though a mother may forget her child, He will not forget us.—Exchange.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Shares in the salary and work of the children's missionary, Miss Emilie Barnes, at \$4 per share.

Ill., Campbell Hill, Junior C. E	2 shares
Me., Lewiston, Junior A. F. C. E., Main St. ch	4 shares
Me., Greene, two Primary classes, F. B. S. S	1 share
Mich., Kingston, Junior A. C. F	I share
Me., North Lebanon, "Willing Workers"	1 share
Mich., Highland, Juvenile Mission Band	1 share
Mass., Melrose Highlands, Junior A. C. F	1 share
N. H., Rochester, Junior A. C. F	4 shares
Me., Portland, Junior Endeavor Band, 1st F. B. church	2 shares
Me., Brunswick, First F. B. S. S	1 share
N. H., Alton, Junior A. C. F.	I share
Me., Lewiston, Primary Dept. Pine St. S. S	I share
S. D., Valley Springs Mission Band	1 share
N. H., Milton, Junior A. C. F	2 shares
N. H., Concord, Curtis Memorial ch., Junior Dept	I share
N. H., Hampton, "Pearl Seekers"	2 shares
Me., Island Falls, F. B. S. S. class No. 5	I share
Iowa, Waubeek, Junior A. C. F.	1 share
Minn., Huntley S. S	2 shares
Me., West Bowdoin, children	I share
Mich., Davison, Junior C. E	I share
R. I., Olneyville, Primary Dept. S. S.	1 share
N. H., Franklin Falls, Junior class in F. B. S. S.	I share
N. H., Franconia, S. S	1 share
Me., West Falmouth, "Helping Hands"	I share
Iowa, Spencer S. S.	I share
N. H., Dover, Intermediate Dept. in Washington St. F. B. S. S.	I share
Mich., Gobleville, Junior A. C. F	1 share
Me., Ocean Park, Nellie Wade Whitcomb	I share
N. H., Center Sandwich, Junior Mission Band	1 share
Me., Brunswick, Junior S. S. class of First F. B. church	1 share
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N. S., Barrington Temple, F. B. Junior C. E	2 shares
Me, Bowdoinham Ridge, S. S.	I share
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Twenty-six shares have been dropped from the list because nothing has been paid on them for over a year. I regret it very much, and hope all will soon be paid up and re enrolled. Now there are only 79 shares out of 131 taken. Will not juniors, children's bands, Sunday schools, and friends rally to the support of Miss Barnes, and rapidly take these 52 shares?

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treas.

Contributions.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for February, 1901.

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